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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--PARAGRAPH 1.)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KRAMER CLAIM

REF: STATE 150783

1. EMBASSY IS FAMILIAR WITH KRAMER CASE. KRAMER LAST VISITED EMBASSY DURING LATE 1972 WHEN HE DISCUSSED HIS CLAIM WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR MEEKER AND CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION. AT THAT TIME IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO HIM THAT CLAIM WAS A STRICTLY PERSONAL MATTER AND THAT HE SHOULD HANDLE IT AS A LEGAL PROBLEM RETAINING, IF NECESSARY, LOCAL COUNSEL. KRAMER STATED THAT HE WOULD PURSUE MATTER ALONG THOSE LINES AND WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM SINCE.

2. KRAMER'S PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CLAIM DO NOT SEEM BRIGHT. HE SHOWED CONSULAR OFFICER STATEMENT SIGNED BY HIM SHORTLY AFTER ACCIDENT IN WHICH HE RENOUNCED ANY SUBSEQUENT CLAIM CONNECTED WITH ACCIDENT. RENUNCIATION APPEARED CLEAR AND STRAIGHTFORWARD, MUCH AS IT MAY BE REGRETTED BY KRAMER NOW. FURTHERMORE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT KRAMER'S CASE HAS ALREADY BEEN ADJUDICATED IN ROMANIAN COURT AND DRIVER OF HIS CAR WAS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSING THE ACCIDENT. EMBASSY IS NOT IN ANY POSITION TO PASS JUDGMENT ON MERITS OF CASE NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY BASIS FOR DISPUTING FINDINGS OF ROMANIAN COURT.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT KRAMER BE
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TOLD THAT HIS DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH USG

CHANNELS AND THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION WOKPD HAVE TO BE TAKEN
BY HIM THROUGH A ROMANIAN ATTORNEY OR BY DIRECT
PRESENTA-
TIONS. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO PROVIDE INFORMAL COUNSEL
DISCOURAGING KRAMER FROM PURSUING A CASE THAT SEEMS TO
HAVE DIMMEST PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS IN LIGHT OF ACTIONS HE
HIMSELF HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AS WELL AS LACK OF EVIDENCE
TO OVERTURN AN APPARENTLY SETTLED CASE.
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